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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Fisheries Planners
(Supplementary Assistance)(URT/72/008)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	January 1979
Starting date of project activities:	February 1973 (Including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	December 1981
To be executed by:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$575 600 (Government cost sharing:$575 600)

I. Background

1. The United Republic of Tanzania has vast and largely unexploited reserves of fish both in its inland lakes and along its five hundred miles of coastline. As a means of improving nutrition and increasing incomes, especially in the rural areas, the Government has resolved to develop the rational exploitation of these fish resources as rapidly as possible. The Fisheries Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism is the main tool being used to attain this goal.

2. The Fisheries Division, since its creation in 1964, has suffered from an acute shortage of qualified staff. Two fisheries training institutes have been established for lower and higher technical officers respectively. Thus at the technical level, the Division is quickly becoming self sufficient, though the majority of the staff lack experience. At the professional level, however, despite the efforts made, difficulties have been experienced in obtaining the required staff.

3. Since 1973, UNDP has been assisting the Fisheries Division under the present project[1/] primarily by building up a permanent institutional capacity for fisheries development planning, project and programme formulation and evaluation, and by assisting in the training of national staff. More recently, in 1974, the Government created the Tanzania

1/ DP/L.257(Vol.III), p.55 and DP/PROJECTS/1553.

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Fisheries Corporation (TAFICO), a parastatal organization specifically charged with the over-all task of national fisheries development. External financing for some TAFICO's programmes and for the partial coverage of the UNDP/FAO technical assistance has been sought from the International Development Association (IDA).

4. Further technical assistance is now required within both the Ministry of Natural Resources and TAFICO in order to strengthen the over-all planning, development and training activities under financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) through a cost-sharing arrangement. Additional inputs to the project are expected from the United Kingdom Ministry of Overseas Development (ODM) and from the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA).

II. Objectives and activities

5. The objectives of the project remain to help the Government develop the fishery industry and to strengthen both the Fisheries Division and TAFICO. The supplementary assistance now approved will allow the increase of fish production by 20,000 tons per annum, the expansion of fish catches on Lake Tanganyika through commercial companies and the Ujamaa Villages, the provision of marketing information on fish distribution and the projection of future fish demand in Tanzania and abroad.

III. Inputs

6. Under the assistance now approved, UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, the services of two fishery economists and one master fisherman. UNDP will also finance additional fellowships and equipment items.

7. To carry out the activities for which assistance is now approved, the Government of Tanzania will make available counterpart professional staff and support personnel, office accommodation, housing and equipment, including vehicles and operating expenses.

IV. Financial data

8. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved $	Present approval $	Total approval $
Experts	485 108	569 147	1 054 255
Equipment	212	2 000	2 212
Miscellaneous	654	4 453	5 107
Total	485 974	575 600	1 061 574
Financed by:			
UNDP	219 149	-	219 149
Government	266 825	575 600	842 425

9. In addition to the total amount financed by the Government as shown above($842,425) the Government will also pay $117,940 towards related Executing Agency support costs. The estimated total value,expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $211,000 in kind.

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